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BRIDGEPORT IS A HEALTHFUL CITY

Constant Watchfulness on the Part of the Board of Health is Accountable for Good Conditions — The Work of the Year Reviewed Briefly.

Health and morals go hand in hand. Disease, squalor and crime have been companions all through the history of the world. Good health means prosperity. The board of health of the city of Bridgeport has accomplished wonders in conserving the health of its citizens. Considering the fact that Bridgeport's wealth is largely bound up in the brains and muscle of its workers and that there is a smaller proportion of high salaried employees here than in other cities it is a remarkable fact that the health of the city is so good. The health department of this city is obliged to be on deck all of the time. The history of the department for the past year has been a demonstration of this fact. As fast as an epidemic of measles, scarlet fever or diphtheria has threatened the department has got busy and has stamped out the disease before it had fairly got under way. The constant watchfulness of Dr. E. A. McLellan, the city health officer has done much to accomplish this result. He has been ably seconded by David W. Lynch, the city inspector and clerk of the department Miss Anna S. Dargan. All of these have done their work well. Much progress has been made during the year in the matter of the sanitary inspection of food. A. C. Knapp, meat and milk inspector, has been busy during the year. He has secured the first conviction for violation of the laws concerning the standard of milk sold in the city. His activity has resulted in an endeavor by the dealers to excel in the purity of their commodity. A laboratory has been installed on the floor of the police and charities building where Miss Dargan tests samples of milk brought in by the inspector. This test is usually enough to satisfy the inspector whether the dealer is honestly trying to obey the law. Where prosecutions are contemplated this test is supplemented by the more complicated analytical tests of the health department station in New Haven. The result has been marked. Producers are beginning to vie with each other in making the surroundings and interiors of their dairies and stables sanitary. They are priding themselves on producing pure milk. The distributors have made many changes in their methods of handling their wares and a wonderful change has taken place. The inauguration of the city slaughter house and the ordinance which requires all animals to be slaughtered there has been a creditable sanitary move. F. M. Spitz who has been installed at the abattoir as superintendent has inaugurated reforms which have improved conditions materially. The organization of the Isolation Hospital under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Latham has been a success.

Inspector Knapp has secured a conviction for violation of the law concerning the sale of meats unfit for food and the future will probably see less of this practice than the past. The death rate for the year has been lower than that of many years past. The records of the department have not yet been tabulated so that the mean for the year can be obtained, but it is a fact that the city has been remarkably healthy during the past year. The records of the department also show a steady decrease in the number of cases of consumption and tuberculosis. This is accounted for by the improved conditions which surround all classes and also the improvement in the quality of food consumed by the general run of the people. The increasing knowledge of the value of fresh air as a preventative and cure for pulmonary troubles has had much to do with this improvement. The death rate among children under 5 years has been especially noticeable. It has been decreasing gradually for years.

Not a case of rabies has been discovered in the city during the year and there is little probability that any case of this dread disease has existed in any form whatever. Other diseases have been stamped out as fast as they have appeared. One of the prime factors in improving the sanitary condition of the city has been the water tests which have been carried out by the chemist of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company without expense to the city. The hydrant water is as pure as any in the country. As fast as contaminated water has been discovered it has either been closed up or posted. Thus one of the prolific sources of disease has been shut off. Let us hope that the city will be as fortunate in 1909 as it has been in 1908.

SEA VOLCANO OFF GEORGIA
Boiling Water Along the Southern Coast
Features of a Weird Disturbance Just Reported.
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—A volcano at sea and a field of boiling water off the coast of Georgia are among the phenomena which British officers have reported to the hydrographic office here. While the British steamer Baltic was headed toward this coast on December 18, in latitude 31.4 and longitude 21 First Officer Landrum observed what he reported as an "eruption apparently twenty miles distant to the westward resembling a volcanic action." The weird disturbance lasted but a few seconds. The British steamer Lord Dufferin on December 18, passed an area of boiling water less than two hundred miles off the Southern coast, according to the captain's report.

BURGLARS AT PUTNAM.
(Special from United Press.)
Putnam, Jan. 2.—Burglars early today broke into the railroad station here at Pomfret and at Abington. In each case they entered the stations through windows and ransacked the ticket offices although no office fixtures were taken. The robbers got their haul in cash and stamps from Pomfret and took tickets from the Putnam and Abington stations. The police are investigating.

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Moon sets 3:18 a. m.

"THE LUCK OF MAC GREGOR"

Brilliant Love Story, With a Military Setting, Excellently Acted at Smith's.

Edward Vroom, the Author-Actor-Orator, Scores a Complete Success on His First Appearance Here in Dramatic Work—Curiosity of Many Quickly Replaced by Admiration of His Genius—Splendid Supporting Cast.

"The Luck of MacGregor," that much heralded comedy drama, by Edward Vroom, yesterday opened a two days' stay at Smith's theatre, and played to two audiences of excellent proportions. The play gave the utmost satisfaction, there being scarcely a criticism note after either the matinee or evening performances.

Mr. Vroom, the author of this play, is also the star, playing the leading role of Larry MacGregor. It will be remembered that Mr. Vroom did yeoman service in the interests of Governor-elect Lilley during the recent political campaign in this state, and during that time made a host of friends, both politically and socially. To that fact may be ascribed in some measure the curiosity to see him as an actor. He had been well advertised, and his many merits, as others had seen them, have been pointed out to the public for several weeks in the press. But the curiosity that perhaps impelled the attendance of some was quickly replaced by genuine admiration of his capabilities as an actor, for he at once placed himself on the best of terms with his audience, and won their favor by his careful and conscientious work.

The play is an interesting love story, with a strong military setting. The scenes are laid in the days of the Revolutionary war, and while the red-

coats seem to predominate, in the end the overwhelming victory of the American patriots is made paramount. The play breathes patriotism in nearly every sense. Larry's loyalty to King George is unbounded, yet he finally succumbs to the call of love and with-out in the least yielding his allegiance to the King, wins the bride of his choice, and sends his defeated comrades home without him.

The supporting cast is excellent in every instance. Fred W. Strong, as Colonel Steadman, has a part which he fills in a manner to do credit to the cleverness of Mr. Vroom in selecting the members of his company. This careful attention by the way, is apparent in the entire cast. Mr. Vroom has made choice of people who are especially well fitted for the requirements of each individual role. In no case has he made a mistake. The company all through is one of the most evenly balanced and capable which has been seen here this season. Mr. Strong, who was one of the original members of the Boston and the Mouse company, is a careful, painstaking actor, and his work in this play is greatly appreciated. David Murray, as Lieut.-Col. Johnson, the "heavy" role of the play, is also well cast, and he received the hisses of the audience, as well as those of his fellow actors, at the disclosure of his villainy.

Fred A. Sullivan is another of the cast who deserves mention. His work in the excellent keeping with that of the others of the principals. Miss Anne Page, as Janet, and Joseph Prosser, as Jacob, are responsible for the comedy characters of the play, and they succeed in raising the desired laughs at every appearance. Tom Burroughs, as Sergeant Bruce, the American spy in the British camp, did his work in a manner which showed a careful comprehension of the character.

Miss Florence Lester, as Margaret Bruce, was a very lovable character. She is a handsome and charming young lady, and a talented actress. Her emotional scenes in the second, third and fourth acts called for especial commendation, and the many curtain calls given were as much for her as they were for Mr. Vroom himself. In the final scenes of the play, where she struggles between love for the handsome young officer, and her duty to her country and her father, were exceptionally well done, and added immeasurably to the splendid impression she had already created.

The play is very prettily and effectively staged, and well costumed. It will be seen again this evening, and it should be witnessed by a crowded house. It is as strong an attraction as one could wish for, and it should be the means of placing Mr. Vroom among the first ranks of our American actors.



Scene in "The Luck of MacGregor," Showing Mr. Vroom and Miss Lester

LADIES' CHARITABLE SOCIETY

Delightful Reception Yesterday at Home of Mrs. E. C. Bassick.

The Ladies' Charitable society, now in their fifty-fifth year, formally welcomed its friends at the spacious home of Mrs. E. C. Bassick in Fairfield avenue, yesterday afternoon. The old home, formerly the residence of P. T. Barnum was strewn with holly and presented a true aspect of one of those homes in "Merry England" during the Yuletide. The guests were led to the spacious dining room in the home and served tea by Mrs. Robert Hincks, and Mrs. Henry Blodgett. The receiving line stood in the front drawing room and included the managers and the advisory board as follows: President, Mrs. George E. Somers, in lavender silk and embroidery; Mrs. Bassick, in black; Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley, black over white silk; Mrs. E. W. Fairchild, white; Miss Mary L. Finch, gray silk; Mrs. E. L. Gaylord, grey silk; Mrs. Zalmou Goodsell, black; Mrs. H. F. Greeman, yellow satin with gold braid; Mrs. Kingsley, black; Mrs. Orange Mervin, black; Mrs. Wm. Morrison, grey; Mrs. A. S. May, pearl and white silk and lace; Mrs. Hamilton Shelton, pearl silk; Mrs. Friend Smith, "London smoke" silk; Mrs. James Staples, black; Mrs. F. T. Staples, grey and white silk; Mrs. F. A. Strong, white lace; Mrs. John D. Whitney, light grey silk; the advisory board were Hon. M. B. Beardsley, Mr. Frank T. Staples and Hon. Henry A. Bishop. These gentlemen and several others were present.

The ushers were Miss Rebecca French, grey gown; Miss Flatt, blue and white; Mrs. C. P. Coe, white; Miss May Shelton, green; Miss Lou Shilton, rose; Miss Lucille Wakeman, white; Miss Kinsley, yellow; Mrs. F. S. Stevens, black; Mrs. A. L. Lewis, Miss Millie Beardsley, gown in silk of a shade of electric blue, presided over the large basket in which the gifts of cash and clothing were placed. This is the famous wicker basket which the society has owned for very many years and that is saying a good deal for the organization is ninety-five years old. It was decorated with Christmas holly and the lid fastened open with a big

red ribbon making a very pretty feature in the scheme of decoration about the room.

MISS PIERCE'S DEBUT
Charming and Talented Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford D. Pierce, Jr., as a Debutante.

In honor of their daughter, Marjorie DeForest, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford D. Pierce, Jr., gave a reception yesterday afternoon at their home on North avenue. The event marked Miss Pierce's debut into society, and mother and daughter, beautifully gowned, received the guests. Miss Pierce wore a white net gown and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Pierce wore a pink satin gown. The young lady received many presents on the occasion of her debut, her mother giving her a necklace and pendant. Mrs. Woodruff a diamond brooch and pendant, and Miss Alice Bartram a pearl heart. Flowers in large amounts were received by her.

The floral decorations of the room were very elaborate and green and purple orchids, lilies of the valley, violets and American Beauty roses were in evidence. The receiving party stood before a bank of ferns and roses. The serving table in the dining room was with a large cover and festooned with ropes of smilax. The center floral piece, composed of roses, was placed within the gold punch bowl, which was presented to Miss Pierce's grandfather, Hon. T. B. DeForest, on the occasion of his golden wedding a few years since by the officials of the Bridgeport National bank and the Bridgeport Savings bank, of each of which he is the president. The urn was presided over by Mrs. Justis B. Entz, of Germantown, Pa., and Miss Alice Bartram, Black Rock. The hostess was assisted by Miss Birdseye, Mrs. Charles Calhoun, Mrs. Nathan Bishop, Miss Marion DeForest, Mrs. Percy Bartram, Miss Julie Smith and Miss Adelle Harris, Chicago. Miss Katherine Calhoun and Miss Marion Paige assisted in the dining room. The new empire gowns were in the majority and added their own peculiar charm to the ensembles.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

A YEAR'S WORK AMONG THE POOR

More Calls on Board of Charities During 1908 Than in Any Previous Year.

In Five Years the Number of Names on the List Has Increased from 76 to 367.

The past year has been one of the most strenuous for the board of Charities in the history of the city. The fiscal year ends on April 1 and the calculations for the year 1908 will include parts of two fiscal years. Superintendent of Poor Joseph V. Brennan estimates that there will be a deficiency of \$20,000 this year. The financial stringency has thrown many out of work and these have immediately called upon the board of Charities for assistance.

The board divides its work into three departments, Lakeview Home, Outside Poor, and Ambulance and Emergency Hospital. The Lakeview Home is the old town farm modernized. The outside poor includes all the expenditures for the Insane Asylum at Middletown, the School for Imbeciles at Lakeview, the Home for Incurables at Newington, and the local hospitals. It also includes the assisting given to families in the way of provisions, payment of rent, etc. The department seldom takes notice of any applications except those which come from families.

The city has been particularly busy with applicants at their homes on application to the department. The calls upon the physicians have nearly doubled this year over the general run. The patients in the local hospitals who are treated at the expense of the city have also doubled.

Bridgeport has suffered more from the general business stagnation than any other city in the State. Bridgeport is a manufacturing city pure and simple. When business is brisk then the city thrives like a green bay tree. The city has grown very fast in the last five years. This growth has been largely made up of those who derive their support from the many factories in the city. The men earn small salaries. They have come from foreign lands where race suicide has never been heard of and the families are almost always large. When the father gets out of work then the family suffers. A large proportion of the emigrants who have settled in the city in the last few years are immigrants. They find it much easier to get work here than in the countries from which they come. They have great faith in America and grow careless. When the men are laid off then the demands upon the board of Charities begins to increase.

The families of those dependent upon the shops become more liable to disease on account of the lack of nourishing food and children who fall ill must be taken to the hospitals to be cared for. There are few facilities in the homes of the unemployed and the mortality rate immediately increases, especially among the infants. The percentage of foreigners in the city of Bridgeport is larger than in any other city in the State. This class is more susceptible to certain diseases and ailments than native born residents. The percentage of insanity has increased in the last five years with alarming rapidity and it is almost entirely confined to foreign born residents. Love affairs, money and religion are the most prominent causes.

The minds of the foreign born seem to be more easily unbalanced by unusual excitement from any of these causes. This condition obtains in a manufacturing community to a greater degree than in one given to other pursuits. Bridgeport is the manufacturing center of the State and for that reason has more cases of insanity in its various forms, mild and severe, than any other city in the State.

A large number of foreign born families have returned to their native surroundings since the hard times came on. This class had money saved up and knowing that they could live cheaper "at home" than in this country they packed up and left while they had money. Others were glad to be glad to do so had they the necessary means. Others remained hoping that times would soon be better and as their funds decreased their demands on the board of Charities became more and more pressing. The young lady who is the city physician, later for medicine until finally they have become wholly dependent upon charity.

With all these demands and the fact that Bridgeport is not a rich city, made so by the contributions of the remainder of the country for years as is the case with the Capital which has drawn a revenue from the whole country for a century through its insurance companies, or with New Haven into which money has been poured through its university both by contributions, and the steady income from the expenditures of its students, no one is allowed to suffer here for medical attendance, food or other attention. Single persons who cannot care for themselves are sent to Lakeview Home. The assistance in the department of the outside poor is principally for the children of which there is always a large number. The whole of the city cares for these God given charges called to lives of privation without their consent. Outside of the care to the infestation of the Saviour to "feed my lambs," it is good policy for these forlorn and hungry little ones will some day rule the city and it is well to remove them from the driving and impelling criminal tendencies of want.

There is little commendation due those who steal for the pleasure of it where should be much for those who are driven to crime by dire necessity. So the first care of the Lieutenants of Superintendent Brennan are the children in the families of applicants. Every applicant is investigated by the regular investigator Alexander Morrissey. This investigation is necessary to separate the worthy from the unworthy. Otherwise there would be no limit to the demands upon the department and instead of a blessing the board would be a curse to the community as an agent for the manufacture of paupers. The clerk of the department, Edward F. Nevins has seen the number of families on the list grow from 76 five years ago to 367 now, dawned upon us. This is the largest number in the history of the department. With improving business conditions the number has gradually decreased until last week 142 families were provided for. Without a well developed system the clerk could not do the work of the department. The number of applications always increase in the winter but never has it reached such proportions before as it did last winter.

The total expenditures for the fiscal year ending next April will reach about \$104,000. The appropriation of \$84,000 will be expended before the year is out and there will be a deficit of about \$20,000. During the year the demands upon the Emergency hospital have increased to such an extent that the new auto ambulance and chauffeur Burlington be a necessity. The only wonder is now how the department got along without them. The horse ambulance driven for so many years by the veteran Dave Jack is now called upon in emergencies and also for the trans-

fer of patients to and from the hospitals. Those who are able, pay \$3 for this service. Others are transferred free of charge. The number of cases treated at emergency hospital has also increased during the year. There has been no change in the staff. Dr. E. C. Krause is in attendance from 8 a. m. till 8 p. m., when he is relieved by Dr. Eli B. Ives. Other physicians occasionally relieve the regular surgeons. In spite of the most rigid economy and careful investigation the problem of caring for the poor of the city is growing more vexatious every year. "The poor ye have with you always."

RETURN TO SEEK THEIR RELATIVES

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Jan. 2.—Carrying several scores of men and women returning to Sicily and Calabria to seek relatives and friends believed to have been lost in the earthquake, the Canopic, the first ship to leave Boston for Italian ports since the great disaster, sailed today from Charlestown. On board were eighty sailors, fifty second cabin and 300 steerage passengers. Sixty-five Italian people from Chicago, Indiana and other states of the middle west were among those sailing today. They came on a special train twenty minutes before the steamship left her dock. Most of them are returning to look for relatives and loved ones believed to have been lost in the calamity. The Canopic will touch at several Italian ports and will proceed as far east as Alexandria, Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Davis Entertain House Party

One of the more elegant and smaller private receptions given in this city yesterday was that of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Davis, president of the Automobile Company, at their handsome home on Waldemere avenue. From four until six the guests were greeted by their host and her mother, Mrs. A. L. Barber of Ardsley-on-the-Hudson and Washington, D. C. A Hungarian orchestra from New York rendered music for the occasion. One of the more noticeable decorations in the home was the massive silver cup, standing two feet in height, given Mr. Davis for the feat of the Locomobile during the Founders' Dinner in Philadelphia. The table in the dining room was very attractive being set with fine linen and beautiful china and silver and having a floral centerpiece of poinsettias. The host and hostess were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Teel, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles Goodsell, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hincks, Mr. Arthur W. Robinson, Miss Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Riker, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Curtis. Mr. Barber was also present.

Class Reception at Quilty's Dancing Academy

A very pleasant feature of the New Year celebrations of the city was the reception given by the members of Prof. Quilty's dancing classes at the Academy last night. A large party was in attendance and enjoyed the dancing till midnight. The new dances, the Quilty and Harty, which were featured of the program and both were much enjoyed. By the way both dances have become extremely popular and are being taken up at many of the popular assemblies throughout the city. Another feature was the races upon roller skates, in wheelbarrows and in automobiles between class members. There was also a cotillion prize which provoked much merriment. Handsome prizes were awarded the winners. Announcement of the formation of new classes will be made soon.

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JOLLY NEW YEAR'S PARTY.
A number of the Star Shirt factory girls celebrated the New Year by giving a social tea party, which was held in the shirt department at 4:30 yesterday. A bountiful feast was spread and many toasts were drunk, hot tea being the beverage most preferred by the ladies. Jolt Bradley had the affair in charge, which signified its great success. Good wishes for the New Year was extended to all.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
East Side Branch, 56 Beach St. Twilight service Sunday as usual at 4:30 to which all women and girls are invited. Miss Lucy Bray will lead. Miss Edna Williams will play and Master Herbert Williams will sing.

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